River View
Woodbridge
9.17.27

My dear Miss Gething

My most grateful thanks for your voluminous letter. It was good to know such interesting particulars of the world-wide spread and usefulness of our dear friends' work - she is with you still. I am sure you will treasure such small details as I may be able to add. Her girlhood home was spent with her parents in various places,

at times it was passed in Liverpool Birkenhead, Bangor and Dublin when they were in Liverpool they were attached to St Aidan's Church of which she frequently spoke.

There is one point not quite clear to me. In Miss Williams' contribution to the 'Parents' Review' March 1922 she writes "both parents died when she was comparatively young and as her father was ruined by the

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American Civil war. It was
necessary for her to work"
as a matter of fact- the American
Civil War occurred in 1861,
at which time Mrs M. was
in Worthing.
I was sorry to hear of your dear
(wonderful) fathers illness. +
hope he is gaining strength.

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again thanking Son for your
long letter (stolen from a busy
life) - with love

Yours affectionately

E. Gresham

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Extract from Miss Mason's letter dated March 1861

"Allow me to inform you, my dear E. that I am at present bearing a higher honour than you can ever hope to receive I am the Mistress of the first Infant School that was ever established in the British Empire

How I wish you could see my children. Some are such sweet little cherubs, and some such noble little Washingtons, and some such tiresome little monkeys. Strange to say, I take as much, perhaps more interest in the latter class than in either of the former. I cannot account for this, but I always find it so. I suppose it is on the same beautiful & divinely implanted principle of our nature, which

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leads a mother to bestow more love on the helpless deformed cripple than she does on any of her other children.

I should like to send you one of my children to London in a handbox. She would be like a week in the country to you all, she would refresh you so much. She gives herself the name of "Titta Looi", and is the most loveable little lisper that I think I ever knew."